

House Study Bill 534 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BILL
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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act modifying the definitions of essential county purpose
- 2 and essential corporate purpose to include cybersecurity
- 3 purposes.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 331.441, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code
2 2022, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

3 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (21) The acquisition, development, and
4 improvement of county information systems to protect against
5 a cybersecurity event. For purposes of this subparagraph,
6 "*cybersecurity event*" means an event resulting in unauthorized
7 access to, or the disruption or misuse of, an information
8 system or of nonpublic information stored on an information
9 system, as defined in section 507F.3.

10 Sec. 2. Section 384.24, subsection 3, Code 2022, is amended
11 by adding the following new paragraph:

12 NEW PARAGRAPH. y. The acquisition, development, and
13 improvement of city information systems to protect against
14 a cybersecurity event. For purposes of this paragraph,
15 "*cybersecurity event*" means an event resulting in unauthorized
16 access to, or the disruption or misuse of, an information
17 system or of nonpublic information stored on an information
18 system, as defined in section 507F.3.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This bill amends the definitions of "essential county
23 purpose" and "essential corporate purpose" to include the
24 acquisition, development, and improvement of information
25 systems to protect against a cybersecurity event. The bill
26 defines "cybersecurity event" as an event resulting in
27 unauthorized access to, or the disruption or misuse of, an
28 information system or of nonpublic information stored on an
29 information system, as defined in Code section 507F.3.

30 Under Code chapters 331 and 384, the applicable county
31 or city may generally contract indebtedness and approve the
32 issuance of general obligation bonds to carry out an essential
33 county purpose or essential corporate purpose without approval
34 by voters at an election, while the issuance of general
35 obligation bonds to carry out a general county purpose or

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1 general corporate purpose generally requires approval by voters
2 at an election.